

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

**Otmar W. Albrand, M.D.**, a 66 year-old physician from Denison, Texas, had disciplinary charges filed against his Iowa medical license. Dr. Albrand was charged with professional incompetency and with having his license denied by the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners due to serious quality of care concerns. On February 19, 2002, the Colorado Board denied Albrand's application for a Colorado medical license. The Colorado Board had Dr. Albrand's malpractice cases peer reviewed and the peer review report raised very serious concerns regarding his medical judgment and lack of development of surgical techniques. The Colorado Board concluded, that Dr. Albrand's care and treatment in the cases reviewed fell below the generally accepted standards of medical practice and constituted unprofessional conduct. A hearing on the Iowa disciplinary matter is scheduled for December 14, 2004.

**Stephen K. Jones, M.D.**, a 35 year-old physician formerly practicing under a resident physician license in Iowa City, Iowa, had disciplinary charges filed against his Iowa license. Dr. Jones was charged with using controlled drugs in violation of a Board Order. On May 19, 2004, Dr. Jones entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board for diversion of drugs and drug abuse. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Jones' Iowa resident physician license was placed on probation subject to certain terms and conditions. The Board recently learned that Dr. Jones used controlled drugs in violation of his Board Order. On September 3, 2004, Dr. Jones was terminated from his residency program due to drug abuse and he no longer holds an Iowa resident license. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for December 14, 2004.

**Robert B. Patel, M.D.**, a 29 year-old physician currently practicing in Kansas City , Missouri, had disciplinary charges filed against his Iowa medical license. Dr. Patel was charged with being disciplined by the California Medical Board and providing false information on his application for an Iowa medical license. On March 3, 1994, Dr. Patel pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor criminal offenses of vandalism and battery in California, stemming from an altercation with another student at the University of California in Irvine. Dr. Patel was sentenced to two years probation, ordered to pay costs and perform community service. On March 3, 2003, Dr. Patel submitted an application for a permanent Iowa medical license. Dr. Patel answered "No" to Question #4, "Have you ever been charged, convicted, found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor crime (other than minor traffic violations with fines under \$100)?" Dr. Patel provided false and/or misleading information on his Iowa medical license application in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. A hearing in this matter is scheduled for December 14, 2004.

**Steven C. Vanderwaal, M.D.**, a 55 year-old physician who practices in Gearhart, Oregon, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges against his Iowa medical license. On September 2, 2004, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Vanderwaal with being disciplined by the Oregon Board for engaging in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a former female co-worker whom he had provided medical treatment. Dr. Vanderwaal's Oregon medical license was placed on probation for a period of five years. Under the terms of the Iowa Settlement Agreement, Dr. Vanderwaal was issued a Citation and Warning and ordered to provide the Board written notice at least sixty (60) days prior to practicing medicine under his Iowa medical license. Prior to practicing medicine under his Iowa medical license, Dr. Vanderwaal must also pay a \$2,500 civil penalty, successfully complete a comprehensive sexual misconduct evaluation at a Board-approved program and fully comply with any recommendations of the evaluation program.